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REMARKS

Applicants amend claims 1, 10-12, and 15, cancel claims 4-9 and 13-14, and add new claims 16-18. No new matter is added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 10-12, and 15-18 are pending, of which claims 1 and 15 are independent. Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner maintains the opinion that original claims 14-15 recite patentable subject matter.


In the last response, Applicants amended claim 1 to define over the art of record. However, the Examiner maintains the rejection to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants amend claim 1 in this response to cancel a previously added limitation and to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14 and any intervening claim. Hence, claim 1, as amended, is the independent form of original claim 14 including all of the limitations of the base claim (original claim 1) and any intervening claim (original claim 9). Applicants also rewrite claim 15 in independent form incorporating the subject matter of the base claim (original claim 1) and any intervening claim (original claim 9). New claims 16-18 are dependent on claim 18 and hence include the patentable subject matter of claim 15. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and at least in original claims 10-12. In light of these amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the outstanding rejections are rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding claim rejections and pass the pending claims to issuance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. TOW-038 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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